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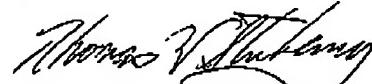
Sir:

In a telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on even date herewith, the Examiner indicated an intention to allow the claims in the present application in view of Applicants' Response filed September 2, 2004. However, the Examiner identified a further reference that might support a rejection under 35 USC §§102(e)/103: U.S. Published Patent Application 2002-0004351-A1, published January 10, 2002 (Nobbee et al.).

In view of the priority date of the present application, as set forth in Applicants' Response filed September 2, 2004, the newly identified reference to Nobbee et al. would be available as prior art only under 35 USC §§102(e)/103.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Nobbee et al. reference and the invention presently claimed were subject to common ownership at the time of the present invention and therefore any rejection over Nobbee et al. would be improper under 35 USC 103(c). The assignment of the Nobbee et al. reference is recorded at reel 9779, frame 0781.

Respectfully submitted,



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